

## **ATTACHMENT XII**

### **Care for Suspected Child Abuse Victims**

*The NYS Child and Adolescent Sexual Offense Medical Protocol*, distributed in 1997, was developed to serve as a resource to practitioners who have experience in the area of child sexual abuse. The Protocol is currently under revision. For additional information or copies of the current document, please call the NYS Rape Crisis Program at 518-474-3664.

In addition, the New York State Department of Health has awarded funding to the Child Abuse Referral and Evaluation (CARE) Program in the SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse to develop the Child Abuse Medical Provider (CHAMP) network. CHAMP is a statewide network of medical providers specially trained to examine pediatric patients suspected of being sexually abused. The goal of CHAMP is to improve access to quality medical care for suspected child abuse victims by providing physicians, physician's assistants and nurse practitioners with the assessment and diagnostic skills to treat these children. The network has increased the number of accessible expert child sexual abuse medical providers. It is intended that providers will be available within each region within a practical traveling distance for children and families.

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